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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's prices. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to very good with the best movement centered around holiday features. Supplies were adequate to available for mediums and closely balanced to tight for the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the light demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices for producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand remained good to very good, best into Thanksgiving feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were tight for the larger sizes and available for mediums and smalls.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were present for the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for normal to reduced schedules. Demand was noted as light. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as mostly normal into next week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	63-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good, best for holiday feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight for the larger sizes and available for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate and reported as more available than earlier in the week. Demand was mostly light. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. However, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where holiday features stimulated additional interest at retail outlets. Supplies of the larger sizes were balanced to tight while mediums were fully sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for the light demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-69	63-66
LARGE	49.25-67	61-64
MEDIUM	36.25-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's prices. Trade sentiment was full steady to firm, mostly firm. Retail demand was good entering the weekend. Supplies were balanced to tight on heavier weights. Lighter weights were reported as fully adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies balanced to tight.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	63-65
LARGE	60-65	61-64
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 11-12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large. Medium were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light but attracted little interest at the higher asking prices.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large. Medium and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light for a light and very cautious buyer interest. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 169, medium brown 20 pack 129.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	86-93
EXTRA LARGE	84-90
LARGE	82-85
MEDIUM	62-65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	149-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate and reported as more available than earlier in the week. Demand was mostly light. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was light and unaggressive. Trade sentiment was steady. Supplies were short to close balance for normal to lighter than normal breaking schedules. Offerings of lighter weight eggs were increasing in availability. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13-Nov-2004 were 1% less than last week, and 4% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 13-NOV-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,262,174	30,599	11,648	6,354	2,133	4,494
PW	1,289,205	31,473	12,429	6,712	2,448	4,556
LY	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
% CHG PW	-2	-3	-6	-5	-13	-1
% CHG LY	6	1	15	15	38	5
2004	55,900,142	1,326,780	538,445	290,958	121,710	192,050
2003	52,725,496	1,293,076	476,852	259,383	104,022	188,606
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2
			CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.07	42.79	42.13	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.51	39.26	38.56	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 44 to 47 cents fob with no pasteurized whites noted. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and steady to cautiously steady for whites and yolk. Offerings were adequate and clearing well for all products as demand remained fairly good to good. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	28-30	28.67	-.86
WHITES	7	27.5-30	28.71	-1.73
YOLKS	10	46-47	46.70	-.97

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and whites, unchanged to slightly higher on sugared yolks, and slightly higher on salt yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled to steady on whole, usually steady on whites, and steady on yolks. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Demand was light on salt yolks, about fair on whites, and moderate on whole and sugar yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13-Nov-2004 were 4% less than the previous week, and 4% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	37-43	38-40	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-80
WHITES	41-46	41-45	48-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	55-57	58-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen prices ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady for all frozen products. Demand was seasonally good to very good for whole egg and sugared yolk and moderate to fairly good on the balance. Many frozen sellers anticipated lackluster movement for next week although most felt that after the Thanksgiving holiday, business would proceed as usual with very little price fluctuation. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	38-39
WHITES	43-45	44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-56

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/13 was 37 percent more than the previous week. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on yolks, unchanged to lower on whole and blends, but lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate for immediate shipment, improving for first quarter. Supplies were adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on whole, usually steady on yolks, and barely steady to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 13-Nov-2004 were 13% less than the previous week, but 38% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.49-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.33-1.47	MOSTLY 1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.15	MOSTLY 2.90-3.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.70	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 12 -18, 2004

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 57.25				FUTURE LOADS 69.00			TOTAL LOADS 126.25							
	SE		NE		MW			SC		NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	46.00	52.86	49.50	50.25	--	--	46.00	GNR W 1	--	55.00	--	--	--	64.00	22.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	57.50	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	23.00	24.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	70.50	--	66.50	3.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	67.12	--	--	75.00	71.33	13.75
GL W J	--	--	--	67.00	55.50	66.00	5.00	GL W LG	--	71.88	--	68.00	67.00	68.69	24.75
GL W XL	--	61.60	57.10	60.58	55.00	--	24.25	GL W MD	28.92	38.20	--	38.00	--	38.28	15.25
GL W LG	--	65.07	61.00	61.50	59.13	52.75	35.00	GL W SM	17.50	18.50	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W MD	34.00	31.33	33.70	35.40	28.75	31.00	26.25								
GL W SM	--	--	22.25	23.50	19.00	20.50	5.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	26.36	27.00	17.00								

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-8	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings about adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-5	

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	65.00	63.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	40.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	66.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.39	62.81	40.17

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fairly good for heavies with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were generally well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 13-Nov-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,516	1,534	3,050
Last Week	1,499	1,391	2,890
Same week yr ago	1,126	1,656	2,782
To-date/2004	61,789	61,469	123,258
To-date/2003	64,915	63,622	128,537

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	160	3	163
Last Week	186	0	186
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2004	10,819	129	10,948
To-date/2003	10,059	137	10,196

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,676	1,537	3,213
Last Week	1,685	1,391	3,076
Same week yr ago	1,126	1,656	2,782
To-date/2004	72,608	61,598	134,206
To-date/2003	74,974	63,759	138,733

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending November 06, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	711	551	15,480	14,951
Frozen	0	0	36	96
Dried	0	0	604	471
Total	711	551	16,120	15,518

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending November 06, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	22	114	7,159	4,897
Frozen	3	120	1,466	3,184
Dried	0	76	1,893	1,139
Total	25	310	10,518	9,220

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending November 06, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	33	392	437
Extra Large	1,560	1,601	160,404	28,653
Large	2,464	7,180	325,344	116,986
Medium	1,026	2,234	109,524	54,376
Ungraded	10,980	3,600	299,386	169,178
Misc	0	0	16,790	14,222
Total	16,030	14,648	911,840	383,852

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 11/15/04	3,881	112,355	65,738
AM 11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG	-292	-26598	434
PCT CHG	-7%	-19%	1%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	30-Sep 2003	30-Sep 2004	31-Oct 2003	31-Oct 2004
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,657	3,026	2,653	2,898
Yolks	1,044	1,501	1,050	1,321
Whole & Mixed	10,374	10,569	9,916	10,138
Unclassified	2,565	3,624	3,235	3,613
Total Frozen Eggs	16,640	18,720	16,854	17,970

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 13-Nov-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	26.9	28.8	-7	5
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	-18
Chicago	64.0	61.7	4	33
Detroit	32.5	37.4	-13	22
Kansas City	3.1	8.4	-63	-30
Los Angeles	94.0	95.6	-2	5
New Orleans	7.3	9.0	-19	-14
New York	32.3	32.3	0	14
St. Louis	18.6	19.1	-3	-3
San Francisco	21.6	21.3	1	-2
Total	303.5	316.8	-4	10
4 Week Moving Avg.	302.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 13-Nov-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	250.0	-1	12
East North Central	612.5	5	8
West North Central	309.1	3	3
South Atlantic	223.8	0	-2
South Central	77.6	6	11
West	200.9	6	5
Total	1673.9	3	6

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	104	102	66	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	97-101	95-99	58-62	38-42
MOSTLY	99-100	97-98	60-61	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	104-108	102-106	65-69	44-48
MOSTLY	104	102	65	44
VERMONT	105-107	103-105	69	-
MOSTLY	107	105	-	-

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